Import of Technology in Industry, Defence and Space Research

739. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of import of Technology from abroad in field of Industry, Defence and Space Research;

(b) whether India can become totally self reliant in Science and Technology missions in computers. Acronautics and Space satellites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

C&AG report on progress of growth Centres in "no-industry" district

740. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been initiated by Government on the report of the C&AG with regard to the tardy progress of growth centres in the selected "no-industry" districts for industrial development in backward areas; and

(b) what measures are contemplated by Government to remove the bottlenecks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of infrastructural Development for Growth Centres in the 'No Industry Districts', 1983, the Central Government has been granting financial assistance for setting up one or two identified growth centres in each 'No Industry District'. The Centre's share of assistance for projects which have been taken up for implementation is being released in instalments depending on the progress of the individual growth centres. The responsibility of implementation of the Growth Centre Scheme is that of the concerned State Government.

Increase in the activities of Insurgent Groups in North-East

741. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, of late, activities of the various insurgent groups in Manipur as also in the entire north-east has been on the increase in close coordination among them;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to: (i) identify their links in the region; (ii) the causes for the upswing of their activities and (iii) ascertain the extent to which the economic neglect, failure to generate employment opportunities and inadequacy, if any of the central assistance to tackle the problem has attributed to the growing insurgency in the region; and

(c) what long-term/short term strategy is proposed by Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The States of Manipur and Assam have seen an increase in the activities of insurgent groups. The links between the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, the People's Liberation Army and the United National Liberation Front continue as before. A body called the Indo-Burma Revolutionary Front has come into being. All feasible measures are being taken to contain their activities. The North-Eastern States are special category States eligible for special central assistance. The North-Eastern Council aims to secure balanced development of the region.

742. [*Transferred to the 11th March*, 1991]